

# INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No  
PCT/EP2004/004342

## A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 G01N33/68

According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

## B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

IPC 7 G01N

Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

EPO-Internal, WPI Data, PAJ, BIOSIS, EMBASE, EMBL

## C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

Category *	Citation of document, with indication, where appropriate, of the relevant passages	Relevant to claim No.
X	<p>WO 03/009871 A (GENSET S.A.) 6 February 2003 (2003-02-06) the whole document abstract page 20 -&amp; DATABASE EMBL 'Online! EBI; Adrenomedullin 185 aa, 13 May 2003 (2003-05-13) retrieved from EBI Database accession no. ABP72347 XP002294460 abstract</p> <p style="text-align: center;">--- -/--</p>	8-15

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☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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## Box No. I Nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence(s) (Continuation of Item 1.b of the first sheet)

1. With regard to any nucleotide and/or amino acid sequence disclosed in the International application and necessary to the claimed invention, the international search was carried out on the basis of:
  - a. type of material
    - ☒ a sequence listing
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3. Additional comments:

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### Box II Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.: 17, 18  
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:  
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### Box III Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 3 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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